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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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LIQUID CRYSTAL PANEL, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND COMPOSITE For:

Group Art Unit: 2871

OPTICAL ELEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claim 2 in accordance with the following:

2. (TWICE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display comprising:

a surface light source device; and

a liquid crystal display panel disposed apart from the surface light source device;

said surface light source device being provided with a guide plate having an incidence end face, an emission face and a primary light source supplying primary light which enters into the guide plate through the incidence end face and is emitted from the guide plate through the emission-face to provide illumination output light for backlighting of the liquid crystal display

panel,

wherein said liquid crystal display panel is provided with a light control face for modifying directivity of the illumitation output light,

said light control face being directed to the surface light source device, and the light control face forming a surface of the liquid crystal display panel itself.

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